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Applicants : KONEN et al.)
Serial No. : 09/623,985)
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For : METHOD FOR VERIFYING THE)
AUTHENTICITY OF AN IMAGE)
RECORDED IN A PERSON)
IDENTIFYING PROCESS)
Attorney Ref. : GRU 108 NP)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(3), i.e., prior to a first Office action on the merits.

Attached are copies of 1) a German search report dated September 17, 1998, directed to the German priority document; 2) A German examination report dated June 20, 2000, also directed to the priority document; 3) An International Search Report dated July 5, 1999, directed to the PCT application; and 4) and International Preliminary Examination Report dated July 4, 2000, also directed to the PCT application.

The German search report cites six German patent publications and three published articles. The third and sixth German patent publications have U.S. patent counterparts, which are submitted in their places. The other German patent documents are submitted with English-language abstracts. The first article is submitted in the German language; however, this article post-dates that priority date of the present application, and need not be translated or considered.

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The German search report cites two German patent documents (previously cited), an English-language patent application, and an English-language article (previously cited).

The International Search Report cites three U.S. patents, a German patent application (previously cited), and an English-language European patent application. The International Preliminary Examination Report cites two previously-cited U.S. patents.

The publications are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

Because this information disclosure statement is being filed before the first Office action, no certification or fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all documents submitted. Consideration of the submitted documents is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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